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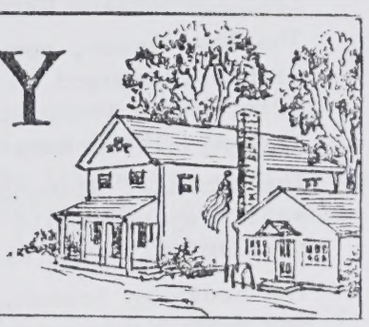

June, 1977

## O U R  T O W N

### Memorial Day Parade

Monday, May 30, was the perfect day for a parade. Beneath an unwinking sun townspeople lined Route 23, sat on the grass in front of the library, perched on the church steps. Just before 1:00 p.m. two Southern Berkshire Regional School buses disgorged the blue and gold Mt. Everett Marching Band, regalian under the blue and gold sky. Tiny damsels clustered at the feet of the Selectmen. A rotund black pony was whipped into place. The Brownies tittered on Henry Makuc's front lawn. The Legionnaires arrived in regimentals.

The parade began. The band played. The Mt. Everett cheerleaders led the way, the plastic tendrils of their pom poms moving in fantastic coruscation. Wreaths were laid at three sites, one on the library lawn, one in front of the church and the last in the waters of the Konkapot. Shelby Loder, Livy Williams and Mariah Hausman placed the wreaths, followed, each in turn, by a prayer from the Reverend Virgil Brallier.

The Fire Department, caparisoned in serious blue, accompanied the town's two fire engines, themselves looking very fine, having been shined to a blinding polish the day before. There were the Little League, the Boy Scouts, a pony and cart, both an English and a Western style horse and rider, and the aforementioned black pony, whose belly seemed nearly to drag on the ground by the end of the parade.

After a flag raising ceremony in Greene Park, marchers gathered around a grill from which hot dogs, accompanied by soft drinks, were served courtesy of the Town. Onlookers slowly dispersed, everybody agreeing that it was in order to spend the rest of the day putting seeds in summer gardens.

### Lake Garfield Association Report

The freeze appears to have been successful. The gate was opened in October and closed February 19, when the lake filled but created a most unusual scene. The deep 5½ foot freeze caused the ice to lift with it the dead weeds, stumps and muskrat houses as the water returned, creating a monstrous floating island, and causing stumps to be dropped in new locations. Boat users should be aware of this, and cautious! INDIVIDUALS CAN HELP by disposing of weeds in swimming area, reducing their use of phosphate detergents and making plans to replace deciduous trees near the lake with evergreens.

The new by-law voted at Town Meeting is important. Those with non-conforming buildings must send to the Selectmen a simple sketch including dimensions, uses and capacity, so that in case of fire the building could be reconstructed as before without special hearings.

### Monterey Water Company Report

The Monterey Water Company held its annual meeting on May 16. The meeting was moderated by Kenneth Heath, Sr., president of the company and chairman of the board. It was decided to increase the board from five to seven members. Those re-elected to the board were Kenneth Heath, Harold Greene, Arthur Hebert, Virgil Brallier and Donald Amstead, Jr. Those who were added to the board were Robert Ensign and Raymond Ward.

One of the major considerations at the annual meeting was that a rate increase is going to be required. It was voted to implement this increase. Details have been left to the board of directors.

Gail Heath was re-elected as secretary and Henry Makuc as treasurer.

### New Road Intersections

The Board of Selectmen reports that, according to Contractor Petricca, in charge of the work being done on Route 23 at its intersections with Blue Hill Road and with Route 57, the project is within two weeks of completion. It is now at the window dressing stage, being involved with seeding, granite curbing and the like.

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## Park Commission Report

The Town Beach, open to residents of Monterey and their guests, will be provided with a lifeguard on weekends from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. till the 24th of June, after which there will be a lifeguard avery day from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on week days and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

The baseball diamond in Greene Park is primarily for the Little League team. Other ball players should schedule games and practices through LeRoy Thorpe, so as not to conflict with the Little League schedule, or, for that matter, with each other.

The Southern Berkshire Regional School District has made its facilities available for a YMCA gymnastics camp at Mt. Everett High School every day from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. beginning June 27. There will be four two-week sessions at $25 each. There is no age limit. Instructors will be experienced gymnasts. For information call the Southern Berkshire YMCA at 1-298-3052.

Townspeople are to be reminded of the arborescent bower that is Bidwell Park. Reached by the road opposite the Grange Hall (marked by a sign), it is an excellent place for picnicking.

(For other Park Commission news see Youth Page.)

## Community Dinner in Honor of the Phoenixes

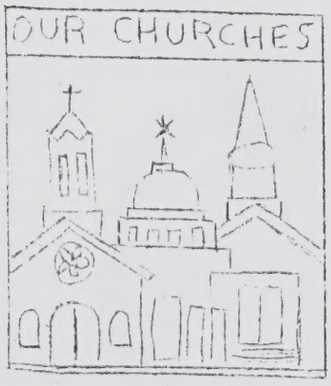
The regular Community Dinner on June 22 will be in honor of Albert and Frances Phoenix, former owners of the Monterey Store. For reservations call Mary Thorn at 528-1644, or Helen Hanley and Irene Kenny at 528-1723. Donations will be accepted.

## Congressman Conte in Monterey

The Mobile District Office of Representative Conte (otherwise known as a Coachman Mobile Home, in case you don't recognize it) will be parked near the Monterey Post Office from 12:30 until 1:30 p.m. June 21, and will be eqipped with information on federal programs, as well as staff members to answer questions.

## Monterey Festival of the Arts Progress Report

The Monterey Festival of the Arts is scheduled to be held, beginning on Friday, July 29 and ending on Sunday, August 7. The organization of the committee to coordinate events is in the process of formation. The co-chairmen of the committee are Nancy Kalodner (528-2994) and Peter Vallianos (528-3474). The work of many, many people is needed in order to bring together the elements necessary for a good festival. Any person who is willing to share in this endeavor is asked to call either of the co-chairmen.




### CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Summer schedule: Our Lady of the Hills will open Saturday, July 2, 7:00 p.m., for the first Mass of the season. At the Immaculate Conception Church in Mill River, starting June 19, Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. Sunday. A Mass for all the parish will be held Monday evening, July 11, 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Hills.

There will be an auction for the benefit of the summer school funding on Saturday, July 16. Items are needed and may be delivered to Tom Bradley's, or call 528-0782 for a pick-up.

### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Notes** Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. This schedule will prevail for the summer. . . . Kindergarten class will also meet at 10:30 a.m.

**Children's Day** The close of church school sessions for the summer was marked by observance of Children's Sunday on June 5. The three classes were present and participated in the morning worship. Bibles were presented to four of the young people. Three received perfect attendance awards. Papier maché projects related to class work were on display. Lois Ryder acted on behalf of the teaching staff. At the conclusion of the service plants were presented to all the children.

**The Missing Link** The Missing Link, a service organization designed to draw together skills and services with needs, is slowly beginning to take form in Monterey. Currently there are more communications coming in from people who have skills and services to offer than from people who have needs to fulfill. We expected this. It is good to know of the abundance of resources, and we rejoice in them, but for the Missing Link to fulfill its purpose it will need also to be in close touch with the various needs in our community. One way in which we can begin to open up this side would be for everyone who senses a need, though it may not be his own, to call it to the attention of the Missing Link.

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# WHERE ARE YOU?

Many children's games are based on some variation of the hide-and-seek principle. The person who is "it" tries to find the other persons who secrete themselves away in some hopefully obscure, unthought of place. A small amount of observation makes us realize it is not only children who play this game. Adults play it frequently. They just find more sophisticated ways of doing it.

Let's bring this closer home to each of us. Ask yourself, "To how many people do I fully disclose where I am?" Include in this where you are in your thoughts, feelings yes, even your actions. Indeed, is there a single person in all the world who fully and truly knows where you are? My venture is that for most of us there is not one other person who knows. Some may claim that there are one or two who know, but surely that is the limit. Does it not strike you as strange that we are so secretive with our lives? I wonder why?

Since this very private quality of our inner lives is nearly universal, I am forced to assume there is a deep wisdom in it. This need for a vast amount of privacy seems to be one of the prime characteristics of "the incubation of the soul."

The seed starts its growth buried, hidden in the soil. The tenderness of the early sprout requires that it be protected by the covering soil. Yet in time the sprout "goes public." It comes above ground and is exposed to the sun, wind, changes of weather. Compared to its privacy and security in the earth it must seem a shocking thing to come out of hiding.

As important as it is for the tender sprout to begin its life hidden away in the soil, so it is necessary for the tender emerging parts of the personality to do their early growing out of the sight of others. Even so, as the sprout finally must come into the open in order to achieve productiveness, so those parts of the personality that begin in secret must also become open and publicly known in order to come to fruition. Herein lies one of the important dramas of being human.

There should be a real reverence for a person's need for privacy. There are many untested, untried "sprouts" in the early stages of development at work within each of us, whatever may be our age. That these should be forced into revelation before they have had time to incubate within the privacy of our inner selves would do violence to the sound development of our personalities.

Yet now I want to speak of the violence we do ourselves by imagining that these tender "sprouts" must remain hidden away, out of sight, all our days. We may become so accustomed to secreting away our tender areas that we lose sight of the fact that the destiny of these underground thoughts and feelings is finally to be tested and perfected in the arena of our public lives. Just as the sprout from a seed must finally come above ground, taking the risk of a much more open exposure, so must these very private thoughts and feelings begin to find expression in the way we live out our lives in relationship to our physical, social and spiritual environment.

I think the majority of us err on the side of timidity and fear in this regard. We regard our private thoughts and feelings with such apprehension -- fear of being "bad," fear of being rejected, fear of being smashed down -- that we go on carrying these fears with us long after they are no longer appropriate. The tragedy of this is that much of our energy and life invested in these hidden away growths never finds real expression. It is as though we planted a garden and, just as the sprouts were reaching the surface, they started to wither away, fearful of exposure to the air, sunlight, rain and possible tramping feet. The potential life of the garden would be severely reduced. In like manner we reduce the power and potential of our lives by failing the courage to let ourselves be "known." When we go through life hiding away "our location," hiding our feelings and thoughts from others, we begin to use this precious private place within ourselves as an enemy of our lives, rather than as a friend. Now we start to drain ourselves of strength, rather than gain strength. We condemn our sprouts of creativity to stillbirth. The glory and expansiveness our lives were meant to gain are aborted.

In one of Jesus' telling parables the tragic character ends his story by saying, "I hid what you gave me in the ground." I should like to make two ringing affirmations. The need and the right to wide spaces of privacy is critical to being human. The need to bring what is private, testing and developing it in our public lives, is essential for achieving the fullness of our humanity.

May you claim a large measure of privacy for the emergence of the new within you, and may you have the courage of the arena to finally claim the full right of your personhood.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

A quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors was held here on May 21. The Rev. Paul Kennedy, newly elected president, presided. Kent Smith reported on the failure, due to opposition in the local community, to obtain a halfway house license in Pittsfield. Because of the pressing need for this project, the Board moved to have the matter studied further by a task force appointed by the president. It was voted to place the Beineke property on sale, with the Board to make the final decision about a possible purchaser. Other pressing matters of business were discussed and dates set for future meetings.

It was a great pleasure for the Farm community to have many neighbors and friends drive over for the dedication of McKee House on May 22. The weather was perfect and people seemed to enjoy the program. At this writing, the bedrooms have been furnished, draperies are being made and work on other items is underway. It is hoped that the building can be occupied within the next few weeks.

June 2 was Al King's 92nd birthday. Thanks to the joint efforts of Bretta Oellig and Ben Schacterm homemade ice cream was served at dinner that evening. Cup cakes were carried in, each with a lighted candle, one apiece, as everyone sang "Happy Birthday."

Jim Aldrich and Barbara Wendt, long-time staff members, were married May 28 by the Rev. William Pedersen in a simple family service. A community shower for Barbara and a picnic celebration at the fireplace had taken place the week before. Jim graduated recently in agronomy from Cornell University and plans to farm.

Ann Gould McKee, daughter of William Jay and Ellen Landis McKee, also was married on May 28, to John Montgomery of Houston. The wedding took place in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Both young people had graduated from Swarthmore College the preceding weekend. They will live in Washington, D.C. this summer, and then will move to Cambridge, Massachusetts, where John will do graduate work in civil engineering.

Lydia Snow and Loren Hassell, recent volunteer workers, are retiring for the summer months.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Monterey Grange met May 18. The music committee furnished a delightful program for Mother's Day. Guests were present from Sandisfield, Great Barrington, Stockbridge, Sheffield, Heart of the Berkshires and Worthington. On May 17 ten members went to Sheffield to furnish a program.

The Grange met on June 1 for election of officers. John Lossin was re-elected Master. It was voted to have a food sale, and later a pancake and sausage breakfast. Dates to be announced. Monterey Grange is invited to Heart of the Berkshires Grange, Pittsfield, and Mellenville Grange in New York State, and will furnish numbers for the programs.

On June 17 the Grange will meet at the Hall at 7:00 p.m. to go on a mystery ride. The following meeting will be July 20, when it will be Youth Night.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

PHILERGIANS

The Philergians are having a picnic supper on Friday, July 1, at the home of Helen Shaw, 6:00 p.m. Bring food for sharing and come early if you want to swim. You will be welcome.

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PRESENTIMENT

Chill on the breath
Of the pollen-laden wind
A whisper comes
That tells of death.

Still on the crest
Of the swollen summer tide
A shadow looms,
The shape of death.

Tender and clear
Is the air's pure gold;
Warm and dear
Is the hand I hold --

Yet mine is grown
As cold as death.

Patricia Howard

BOY SCOUTS

Awards presented at the Pack Meeting June 10 were as follows: David Gauthier, the following badges - Craftsman, Sportsman, Outdoorsman, Artist, as well as a Denner Cord; Denis O'Connor, the following badges - Craftsman, Sportsman, Outdoorsman, Artist, Forester, as well as a Denner Cord; Steven Phillips - 1 gold, 1 silver arrow; Ben Reuter - silver arrow; Jason Weber - silver arrow; Mark Candee - silver arrow; Jeff Gauthier - Wolf badge, gold arrow; Kirven Blount - Wolf badge, gold arrow.

Webelos — The Webelos went on two field trips, one a hike around Campbell Falls in New Marlborough, the other a cook-out in Claudette Callahan's back yard, for which they made hobo stoves out of #10 tin cans and sterno starters out of tuna fish cans, corrugated cardboard and melted wax.

Cub Scouts — The Cubs went fishing in Harmon Brook, where, according to their leader, they thoroughly traumatized but did not actually catch any fish. The boys conducted themselves well in the Memorial Day Parade. The flowers planted near the Memorial Rock on the library lawn are courtesy of the Monterey Cubs, donated as a thank you to the library, in the basement of which they have their meetings.

There will be a Cub Scout Day Camp at the Marion Fathers' encampment in Stockbridge during the last two weeks in July. It is reasonably priced and highly recommended. For information call Irene Smith at 229-8819.

GIRL SCOUTS

Cadettes — The Cadettes accompanied the Brownies on an overnight camping trip at Camp Bickford, the Girl Scout summer camp on Lake Buel. Otherwise the Cadettes are working on their Final Challenge for the First Class Badge. That entails learning the Girl Scout Promise, deciphering what it means and deciding how it applies to everyday life.

Brownies — The Brownies marched in the parade on Memorial Day. On May 22 there was a Court of Awards Ceremony at Monument Mountain High School in Great Barrington for all Girl Scouts of the area. Connie Amstead, Monica Pizzichemi, Ellen Whitbeck, Kathleen Bradley, Maureen Litchfield, Michelle Grotz and Claudia Jonas received a one-year membership star. All except Claudia received a Bicentennial Patch for work done in 1976. Claudia, as a new member of our troop, received her Brownie pin and World Association pin. All received a Brownie "B" patch for work done in 1977. Michelle Grotz is the only Brownie remaining in the troop. All of the other girls will be Junior Girl Scouts (4th - 6th grade) in the fall. They received their Girl Scout pins and Brownie wings as a part of the "flying up" ceremony held at the Court of Awards.

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Little League has lost 8 out of 8 games so far. Nevertheless, an onlooker at the Memorial Day Parade, speaking of the fact that the procession seems to be getting shorter every year, concluded with a sigh that, "If it weren't for the Little League the parade would have been no length at all." And the new uniforms, everyone will surely agree, looked smashing.

PARK COMMISSION NEWS

There will be free swimming lessons offered to all town residents (temporary and permanent) every day during the first two weeks in August, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Children aged 5 years and up are invited to take part.

Life Saving lessons will be offered during the last two weeks in August. There will be Basic Rescue and Water Safety for ages 11 and over, and for those age 15 and over who have passed intermediate swimming there will be Advanced Rescue and Water Safety. Call Maryellen Brown, 528-1598, for information.

THE WIND

I caught the wind
And held it tight.
When I let go,
Nothing was there.
But not forever,
For it knows I need it,
As it needs me.

Pam Gauthier
Age 14

"The Missing Link" -- (continued)

Do you need any of the following: 1) Are you blind or near blind and would enjoy having someone read to you? 2) Do you have need of someone who might do emergency driving to get you to the doctor or to go to town? 3) Do you know of a child who has reading difficulty and could profit from tutoring to learn to read better this summer? 4) As a parent, would you enjoy attending a course in town on Parent Effectiveness Training?

There is the distinct possibility of several special interest groups being formed. It doesn't take many people to start reading plays together. How many people does it take to form a new group that had a wonderful time reading their poetry to each other? What kind of a group would you enjoy sharing an activity with? Do you need just a few more people to get some enjoyable, rewarding activity. Then by all means turn to the Missing Link. Call the director, Patricia Howard, at 528-4879, or write her at Box 105, Monterey, Massachusetts 01245.

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This month we are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Weiss for their contribution. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Weiss!

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